GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Preventing Indian Fishermen from Crossing International Boundary
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Coast Guard is actively involved in warning / preventing Indian fishermen from crossing the International Boundary in high seas and entering neighbouring water territory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): Government attaches high priority to the safety and security of Indian fishermen. Vessels and aircraft of Indian Coast Guard are regularly deployed for surveillance of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) with all neighbouring countries to prevent Indian fishermen / fishing boats from crossing the IMBL. Since 2007, approx 34,886 Indian fishing boats have been shepherded back from IMBL by Coast Guard units on patrol. Community Interaction Programmes are also conducted regularly with Indian fishermen to sensitise them on the perils of cross border fishing and on prevailing security situations.
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